



## **2009/2010 ANNUAL CASELOAD STATISTICS NEBRASKA ODR-APPROVED MEDIATION CENTERS**

**Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers.** Nebraska's mediation centers 2009/10 case volume of 2,789 cases follows the recent trend of significant leaps in growth: close to a 17% increase in mediation cases over the prior year's case volume of 2,389. Referrals from the courts were over 57% (n = 1,437) of all cases referred to the mediation centers. Just three years prior (2006-2007), court referrals comprised just over a third (38%) of mediation referrals, and the actual numbers of cases referred by courts in 06/07 was 612. The increase in actual court cases referred to the mediation centers in this period of time was up a whopping 134%! This increase in case volume and court referrals continue to be attributable to two initiatives: the district courts' increase of parenting plan referrals because of the Parenting Act, and the juvenile courts' use of facilitative pre-hearing conferences in child welfare cases. Available participant evaluation data reflects that a significantly high majority, 90%, of the parties were satisfied by the mediation process. Of the 1,604 cases that were mediated, 85% were resolved successfully. About 15% of the cases were funded by clients either fully or partially; 46% of the cases were underwritten by contracts and grants; 11% of the cases were underwritten by the Parenting Act Fund; and nearly 28% of the cases were unfunded, which is a growing concern, as this is an increase over the prior year's percentage of 16% as unfunded.

The ODR-approved Mediation Center Annual Statistical Report for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 provides more detail regarding each mediation center: case volume, case types, referral sources, and agreement rates.

In addition to providing direct mediation services to citizens, these non-profit organizations and their affiliated mediators and volunteers actively serve residents, businesses, and government within their respective multi-county service area by providing numerous public and community seminars, educational workshops, and presentations to address violence prevention, conflict resolution, collaborative practices, creative problem-solving, strategic planning, mediation and other facilitative processes.

# ODR-approved Mediation Center Annual Statistical Report

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

YEAR  7-1-09 to 6-30-10	Totals		Central Mediation Center  KEARNEY		The Concord Center  OMAHA		The Mediation Center  LINCOLN		Mediation West  SCOTTS- BLUFF		Nebraska Justice Center  FREMONT		The Resolution Center  BEATRICE	
Total Case Volume	2789		603		567		789		143		406		281	
Total New Cases	2507		542		526		712		123		348		256	
CASE TYPE														
Family (Dom. Relations)	1605		345		283		401		98		306		172	
Restorative Justice	82		14		16		27		14		0		11	
Family Group Conferencing	193		56		90		21		3		5		18	
Community Disputes	291		124		36		101		5		19		6	
Facilitations	584		63		138		211		23		76		73	
Other	34		1		4		28		0		0		1	
REFERRAL SOURCE	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Courts	1437	57	280	51	296	56	383	54	68	55	256	74	154	60
Attorneys	352	14	151	28	45	9	47	7	10	8	57	16	42	16
Govt Agency	280	11	69	13	96	18	75	10	5	4	10	3	25	10
Self/Family/ Other	438	18	42	8	89	17	207	29	40	33	25	7	35	14
CASE DISPOSITION														
Cases Mediated	1604		365		368		357		76		244		194	
Resolution	1368	85%	278	77%	329	89%	318	89%	69	91%	208	85%	166	86%